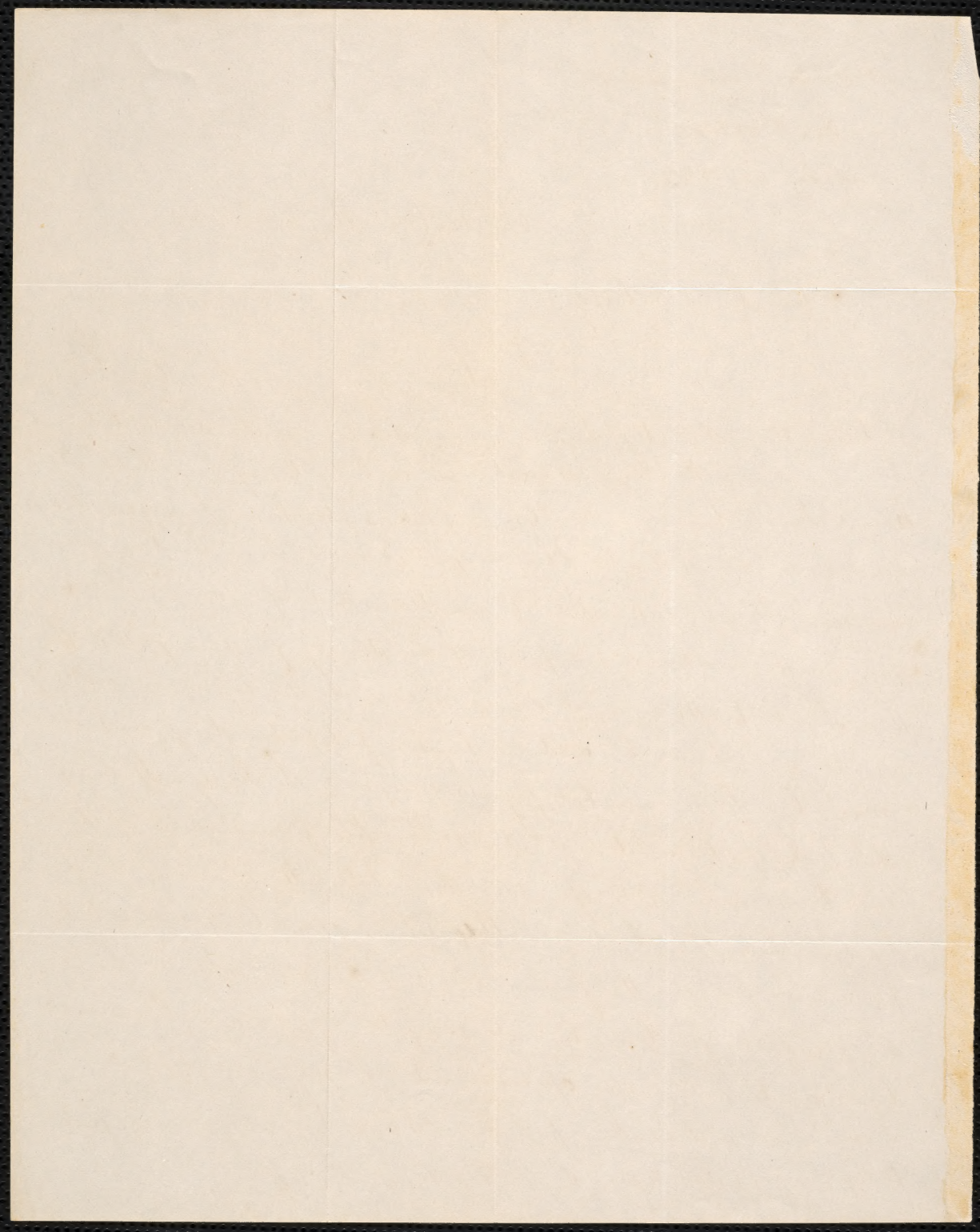




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Rev. Amos A. Phelps,

Dear Sir,

Since seeing you the other day I learn that the Miss Lamson who is Secretary of the Society technically known here as "Mr. Hayward's Society" is a lady living in Maple Place, named Sarah Lamson, sister I believe of Edwin Rev Sam^l Lamson. Perhaps you are aware of this, as I heard you were over here the day you saw me. It was intimated to me today that you or some one else might write an expose of the Society for some paper. If this should be the case, I should not wish the expressions used by me to you should be used, as they were perhaps too strong; and it may be I am somewhat prejudiced against the Society. If any thing should be written, it should be after full enquiry of those who knew more of its operations than I do. My opinion is, as expressed to you that the children in ~~the~~ "school" could be as well or better provided for in the public schools of this place, where we have ample room for them, but it may be an examination would lead me to alter my opinion. Bro. Hayward is a good man, and I should not wish anything published to hurt his feelings, unless justice to the community requires it. Affectionately yours Alvan Simonds